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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF ELYSEE OFFICIAL ON ENERGY COOPERATION

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1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COM MIN, DUTET, ECONOMIC  
COUNSELOR AT ELYSEE, ELABORATED ON GISCARD'S STATEMENTS  
ON ENERGY COOPERATION IN HIS RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE.  
DUTET REVIEWED BRIEFLY THE EVOLUTION OF FRENCH THINKING  
ON PARTICIPATION IN THE IEP OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.  
HE REPEATED THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT DID NOT FEEL  
BOUND BY THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. THE  
DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IEP "FOR THE MOMENT"  
WAS NOT DICTATED BY INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS  
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BUT RATHER BY AN OBJECTIVE APPRAISAL OF HOW FRANCE'S

INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS MIGHT BEST BE SERVED AT THE PRESENT TIME. DUTET STRESSED THAT THE DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IEP WAS NOT A DEFINITIVE DECISION. WITHIN A YEAR'S TIME, HE SAID, IT WAS CONCEIVABLE THAT THIS DECISION MIGHT BE REVERSED. HE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO GISCARD'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOF WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE NEW ENERGY AGENCY FROM BEING SET UP IN THE OECD. HE SAID HE DOUBTED IF POMPIDOU AND JOBERT WOULD HAVE TAKEN THIS POSITION.

2. DUTET ALSO ELABORATED BRIEFLY ON GISCARD'S STATEMENT ON THE INDEXATION OF OIL PRICES. HE SAID IT WAS THE GOF EXPECTATION THAT, IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THIS PRINCIPLE, THE INDEXATION WOULD BE APPLIED TO A REFERENCE PRICE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN CURRENT PRICES, SAY, \$7 A BARREL. THE GOF ALSO EXPECTED THAT A FORMULA FOR INDEXATION WOULD BE WORKED OUT THAT WOULD IN PRACTICE MEAN ANNUAL INCREASES THAT WERE LESS THAN ANNUAL INFLATION RATES.

3. DUTET ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE GOF HAD GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE QUESTION OF CONSUMER UNITY BEFORE MAKING ITS PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. THE GOF BELIEVED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE CONSUMERS TO GO INTO SUCH A CONFERENCE WITH A COORDINATED POSITION. THIS WAS WHY IT HAD PROPOSED THAT THE EC BE REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE, THE COMMISSION. THIS WOULD ENSURE UNITY OF POSITION AMONG THOSE EC MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE IEP AND FRANCE.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT DUTET HAS MINIMIZED THE EFFECT OF INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ON GISCARD'S DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IEP NOW. THERE HAS BEEN A TENDENCY ON THE PART BOTH OF THE GAULLISTS AND THE LEFT OPPOSITION TO SINGLE OUT ENERGY COOPERATION AS A TOUCHSTONE OF GISCARD'S ATTACHMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FRENCH INDEPENDENCE. AT A TIME OF DIFFICULT INTERNAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, GISCARD PROBABLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PROVOKE THESE POWERFUL POLITICAL FACTIONS OVER AN ISSUE WHERE HE HIMSELF HAD ALREADY CONCLUDED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BALANCE OF ADVANTAGE DID NOT IN ANY CASE LIE VERY HEAVILY IN FRANCE'S FAVOR.  
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